

REMARKS

The Examiner has stated that claims 2-5 and 15-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended claims 7-13 to depend from allowed claim 2 and have amended claim 21 - 26 to depend from allowed claim 15. Applicants have canceled claims 1, 14 and 27-30.

CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 09-0458.

Respectfully submitted,
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